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NOTICES FROM THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

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STRUCTURE OF THE MILKY WAY.

Mr. C. EASTON has lately made a comparison between different counts of stars in a portion of the Milky Way, according to a general method suggested in the *Publications* of the Washburn Observatory, Volume II, 1883, and some account of his results are given in *Knowledge* for August 1, 1895.

Mr. EASTON states his conclusions as follows: "In short, the conclusion most forcibly presented to us is that it becomes extremely probable that the great majority of the fainter stars of the Milky Way are not much more distant from us than the stars of the ninth and tenth magnitudes, at least in the regions to which our researches have extended. The Galactic system must thus have but little depth in proportion to its diameter."

The general conclusion last stated has been reached by all recent investigators, and was first insisted on by the late Mr. PROCTOR. New data bearing on the question will soon be available in the numerous photographic maps made and making at so many observatories.

E. S. H.

CATALOGUE OF STARS WANTED IN THE LIBRARY OF THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

The collection of star catalogues in the library of the LICK Observatory is practically complete, with the exception of ARGERLANDER'S Northern Zones. We shall be much obliged to any correspondent who will put us in the way of acquiring a copy of this work.

E. S. H.